

Until my energetic self  
Has searched life's every nook and  
shelf.  
And after I have done my best  
And made an unremitting quest.

I would not for one moment ask  
A mortal friend to do my task.  
Then why on my Creator shrink  
My rightful portion of the work?

An idle mendicant—no more.  
Is he who begs at heaven's door  
Until with body, soul and mind  
He seeks himself, life's gifts to find.  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in March Na-  
tionalist.

**TRUE WORTH.**  
True worth is in being, not seeming—  
In doing each day that goes by  
Some little thing, not in dreaming  
Of great things to do by and by.

And spite of the fancies of youth,  
There is nothing so kindly as kind-  
ness,  
Nothing so royal as truth.  
—Kingsley.

**Clever Sayings.**  
Mrs. Day—Do you know when you have had enough? Mr. Day—No.

anything.—Pick-Me-Up.  
 Fool—I woke up last night with a start. I dreamed that my watch was gone. Drool.—Well, was it? Fool.—No; but it was going.—Yale Record.

"Do you think we'll ever annex Can-

"Are you familiar with 'The Man Without a Country'?" asked the student of English literature. "No," re-

Mrs. Jenner Lee Ondago—How have you managed to keep your cook so long? Mrs. Gadabout—My husband

"Very few people live to be 100 years old." "Yes," replied the calm philosopher: "It's another wise provision of

"I graduated from the college of experience, young man." "Ah," smiled

replied the man. "Plenty of 'em. Three blocks of stocks in oil companies, two blocks of stock in gold mines, and my marriage certificate."—Detroit Free Press.

little group about the table listened anxiously. "Are there any spirits?" repeated the spokesman. "Well," said the landlord, "aw kahn hustle you all a little moonshine, if that will do." It

### MUCH IN LITTLE.

In the British Museum is preserved the oldest specimen of pure glass which bears any date. It is in the shape of a

A curious insect has arrived from Brazil at the South Kensington mu-

13 green lights glow forth from each side of the little creature. These peculiarities have earned it the name of "the railway beetle."

minican cigarettes the local factories are steadily increasing their output. One of the large factories at Santiago, which now claims a daily production of 1,200,000 cigarettes, is installing new

Joseph J. Couch, special deputy collector of the post of New York, familiarly known by his co-workers as "the encyclopedist of the custom

the 81st year of his age. Mr. Couch has been in the customs service nearly half a century and was known to many merchants of the city and state.

act much as steel at ordinary temperatures. It will serve as a helical spring, for example. Just as iron is soft and inelastic at a high red color, so lead is dull and soft at ordinary temperatures.

The papers report that it has been decided to organize in the United States a Russian industrial and agricultural association which will have to

prices of corn and on the expected quantity of the crop. The agency will send the data secured in proper time to Russian dealers in the same products.

Official reports give a good idea of the extent to which the rubber-planting industry has grown in the federated Malay states during 1897. Not far short of 50,000 acres were planted, an increase of 48 per cent. over the

December 1967, practically 180,000 acres and 27,000,000 trees had been planted. The output of dry rubber increased by 144 per cent, being 1,611 tons.

consumed annually throughout Asia Minor in preparing charcoal, much to the detriment of the climate and soil; what is chopped down and never replanted, and after a few years the

limes and cedars are covered with miserable neglected scrub and underbrush. This is especially the case in the Vilayet of Trebizond, where more than 1,400,000 acres of forest lands have been treated in this fashion.

Consul John H. Snodgrass of Kohn states that the Japanese department of agriculture and commerce has determined to grant a substantial sum in aid of its experimental station to in-

is situated about 100 miles from the main demand for Japanese oranges in Hawaii and the United States every winter, but the export has been greatly hampered hitherto by difficulty in packing the oranges so that they shall be free

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